

**Amendments to the Specification:**

Page 3, after paragraph [0021], insert new paragraph [0022] as follows:

[0022] Exemplary embodiments of the invention provide a method of applying a substance using an applicator as described above, including: providing a substance to the applicator ball; contacting a surface with the applicator ball; moving at least one of the applicator and the surface relative to the other of the applicator and the surface while contacting the surface with the applicator ball to transfer at least some of the substance from the applicator ball to the surface; and allowing the retainer to move relative to the handle member during movement of the at least one of the applicator and the surface.

Please replace paragraph [0050] with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0050] During application, the user may cause the ball 30 to roll over skin S as shown in Figure 3. As understood from Figure 3, this may be accomplished by moving the applicator 3 relative to the surface of the skin S, by moving the surface of the skin S relative to the applicator 3, or moving both the applicator 3 and the surface of the skin S relative to each other. Because the link element 37 is capable of deforming, the link element 37 may deform as a function of the relief of the skin S, for example, as the applicator 3 is moved.